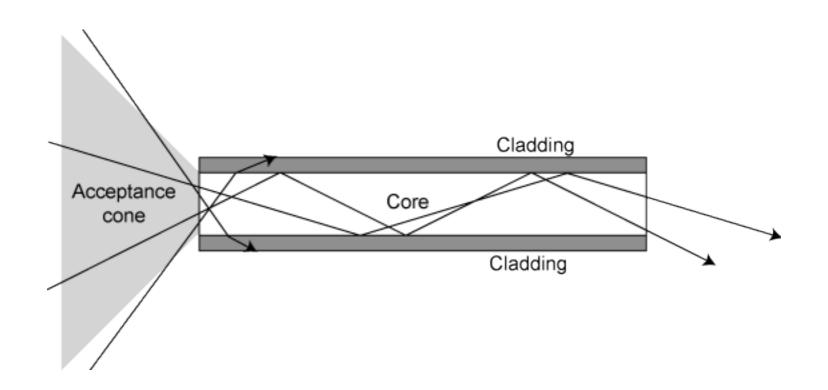
Simulation of Light Collection



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OptiCAD

INTRODUCTION

OptiCAD is a computer program for the layout and analysis of three-dimensional optical systems. The program is structured in a computer-aided design (CAD) format in which the user defines objects, then places and orients them in a global-coordinate system. The program may be used to simulate a wide variety of nonimaging and imaging optical systems.

Components include spherical and cylindrical lenses; conical, parabolic, elliptical, spherical, and flat mirrors; full (closed) cylinders and ellipsoids; transmitting and reflect- ing rods; parabolic and elliptical troughs; single- and double-sided reflective surfaces; apertures of finite extent; lightpipes; multiple sources and detectors; compound para- bolic concentrators; Fresnel lenses; and polygonally faceted objects (that may be trans- lated from a CAD program).

OptiCAD

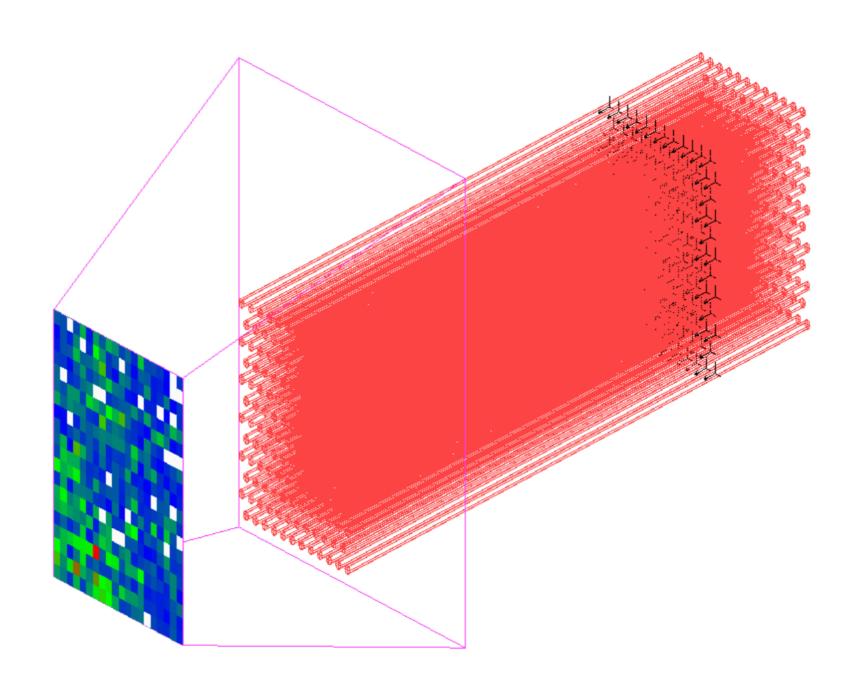
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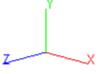
- many predefined objects, lenses, mirrors, ...
- a lot of material details, mainly glass, every surface can be modified reflection, absorption, scattering,
- can measure impact hits and intensities like a film
- can read in CAD layout

CONS:

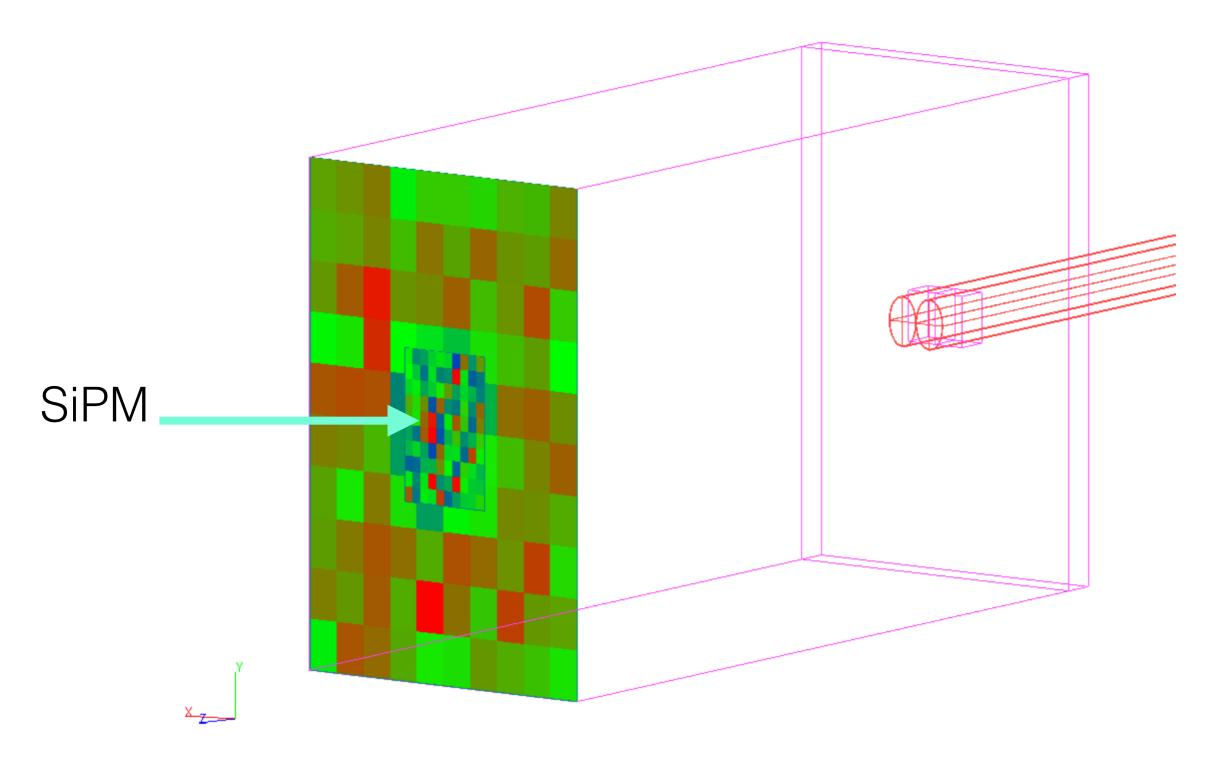
- linear coding, no variables, loops ... every item has to be specifically coded
- overwhelming choices
- using CAD drawings treats the surface like finite element analysis, i.e. lots of surface, VERY slow.
- my version only runs under XP with a USB verification dongle, \$\$\$\$\$\$

example one quarter of an EMCal tower the macro is written by a perl script ...

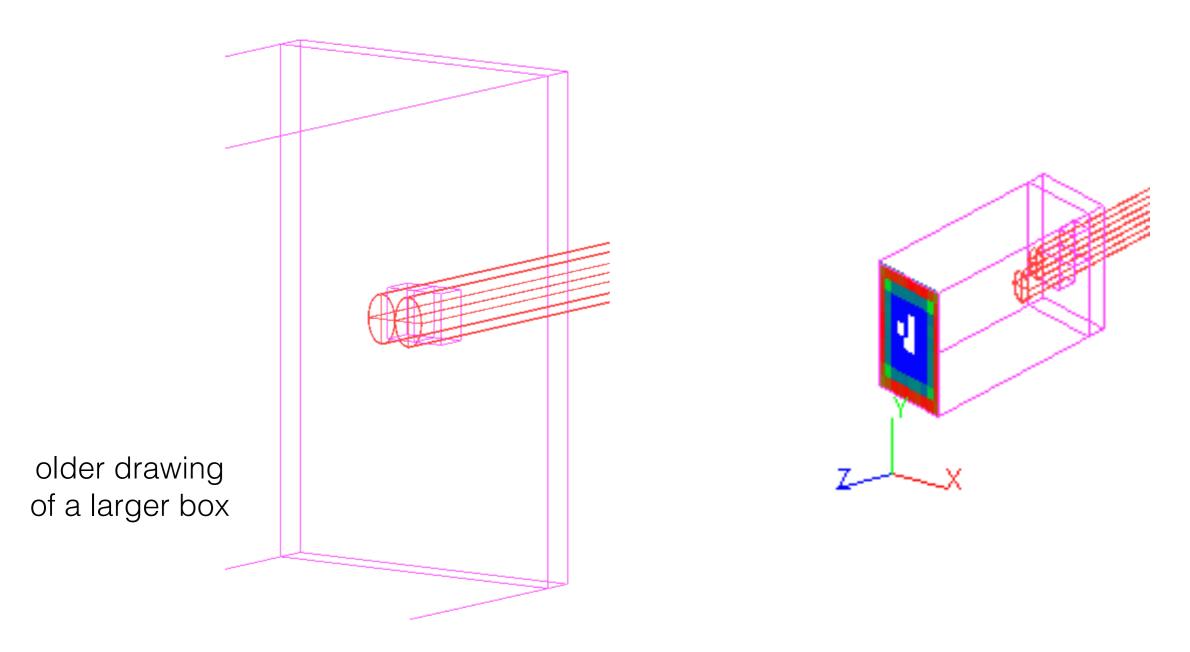


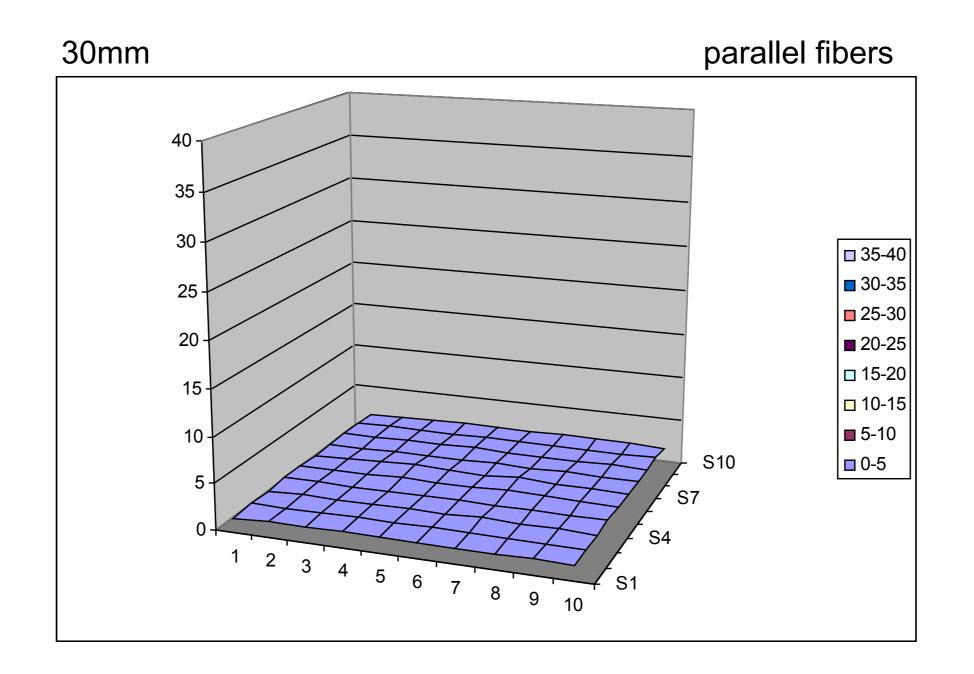


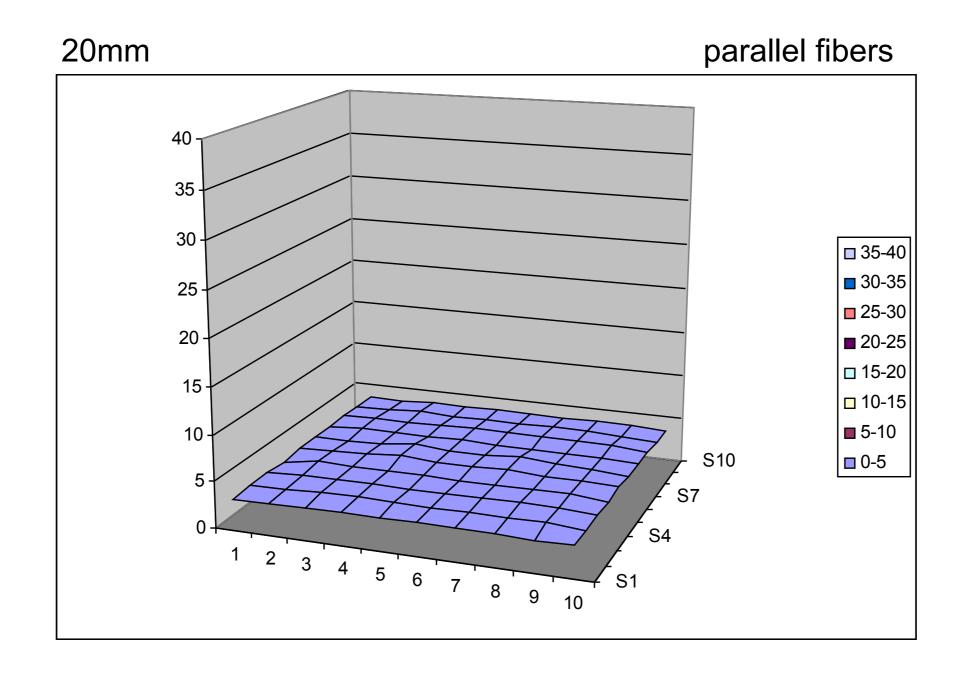
started with something very simple, two fibers into a box with a simulated 3x3mm² SiPM and a surrounding back screen both have a grid readout

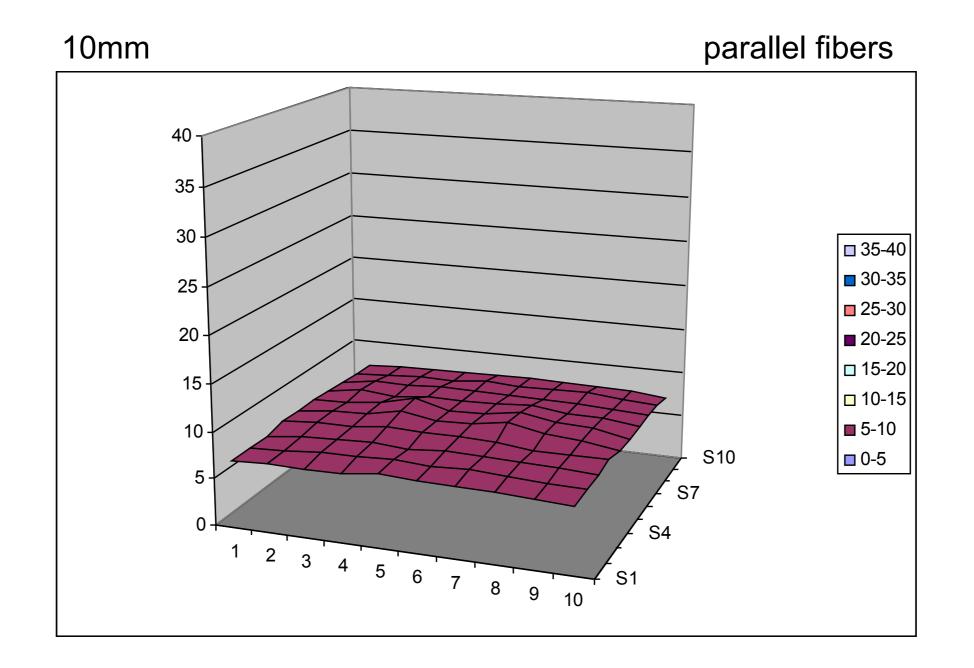


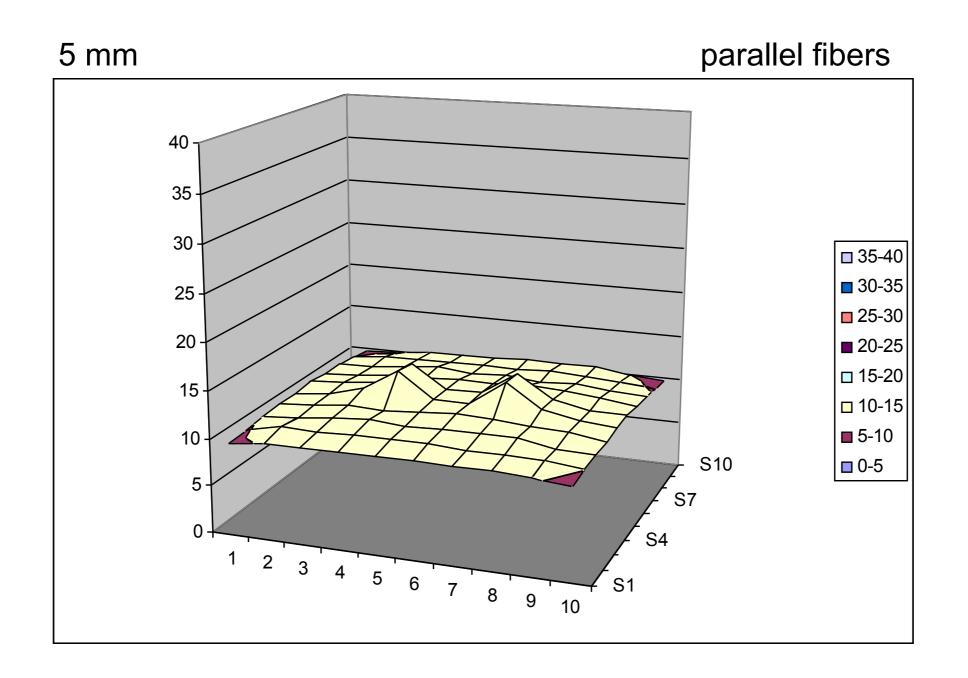
Compare different length of a square 4x4mm² box two 1mm fibers arranged parallel or diagonal fibers are just cylinders, core and cladding, with the correct refractive index and a light source inside emitting light towards the box (old drawing the fibers are flush with the lid)

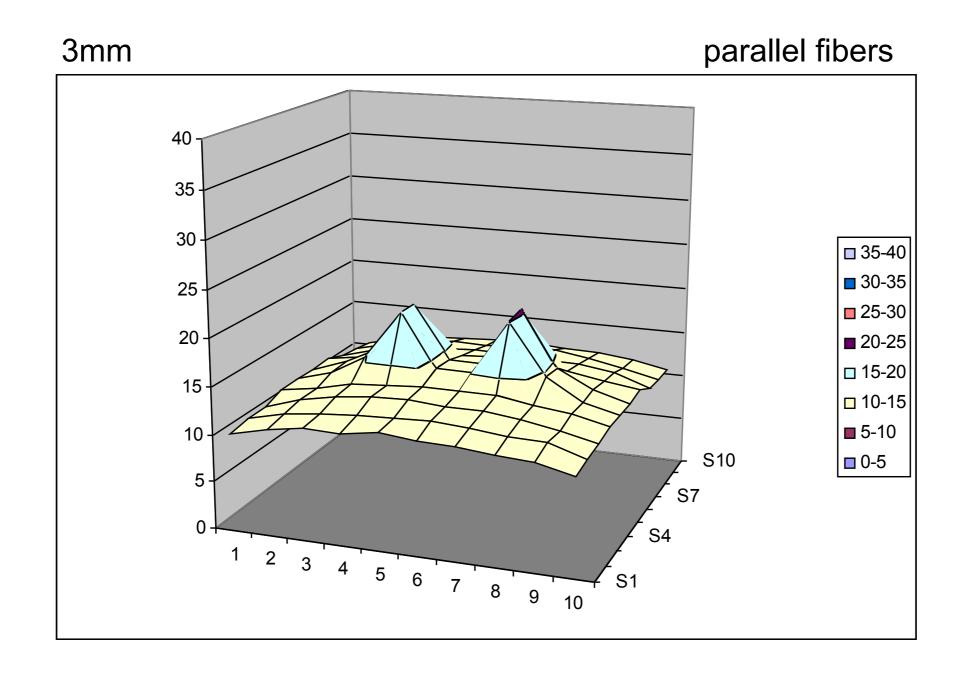


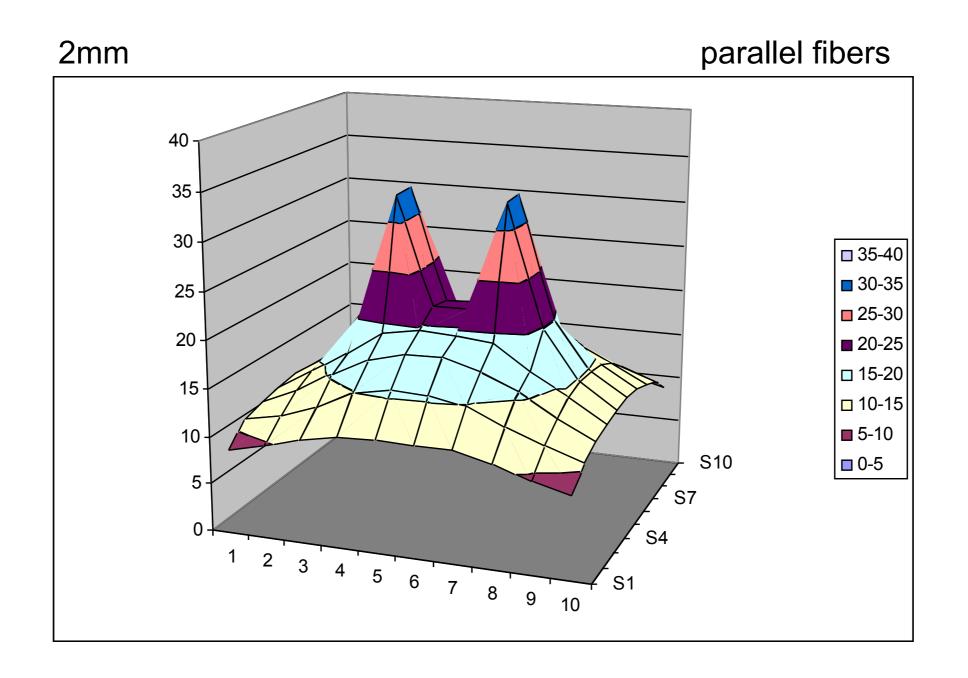


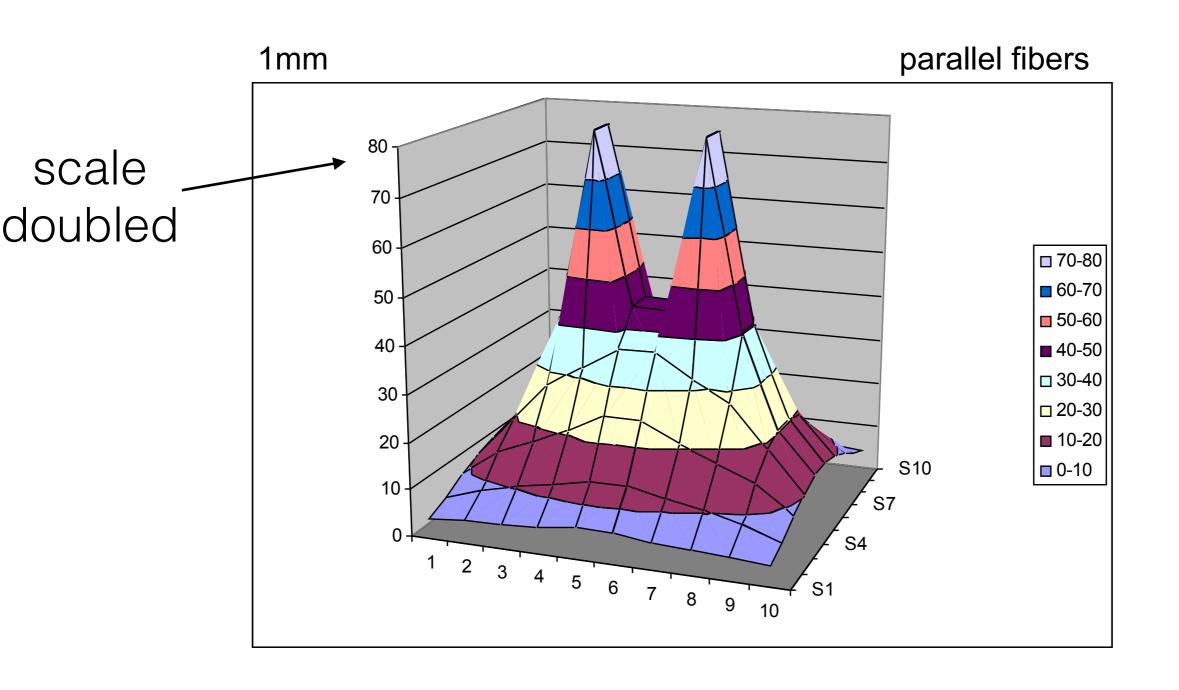


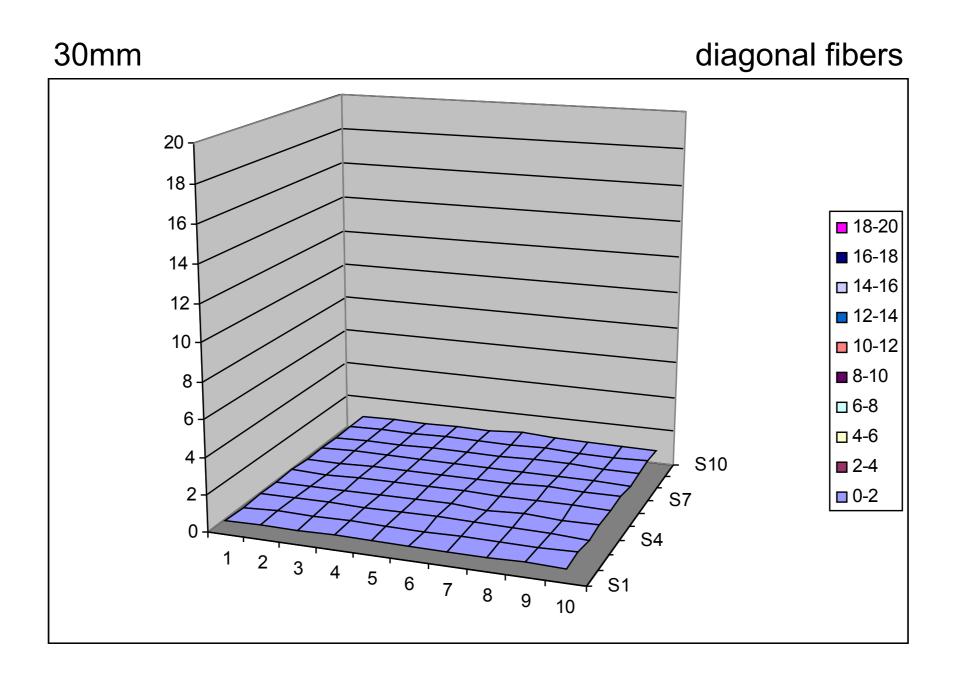


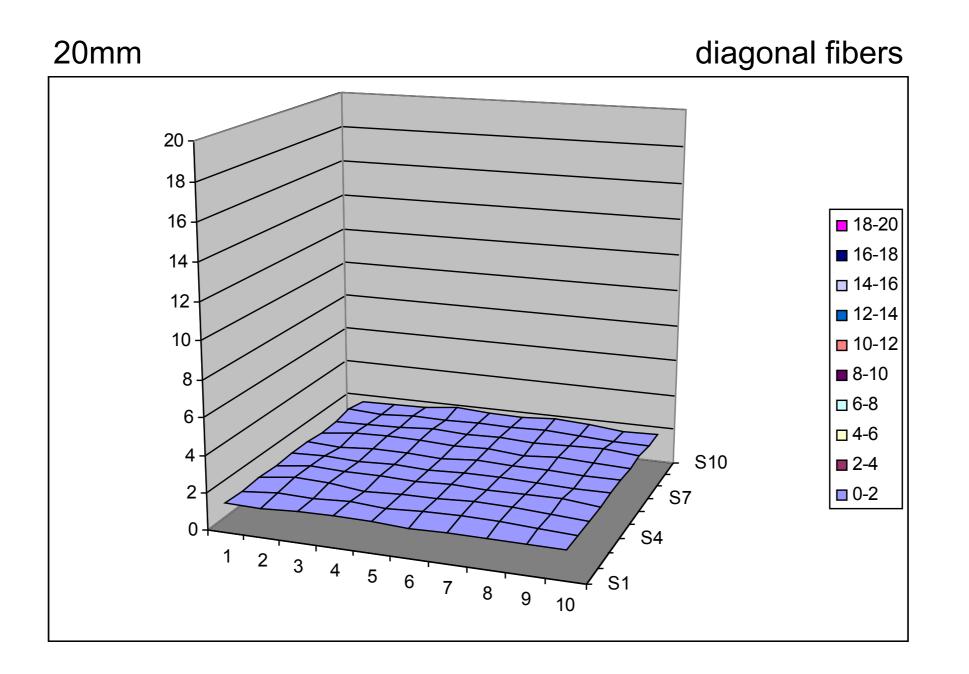


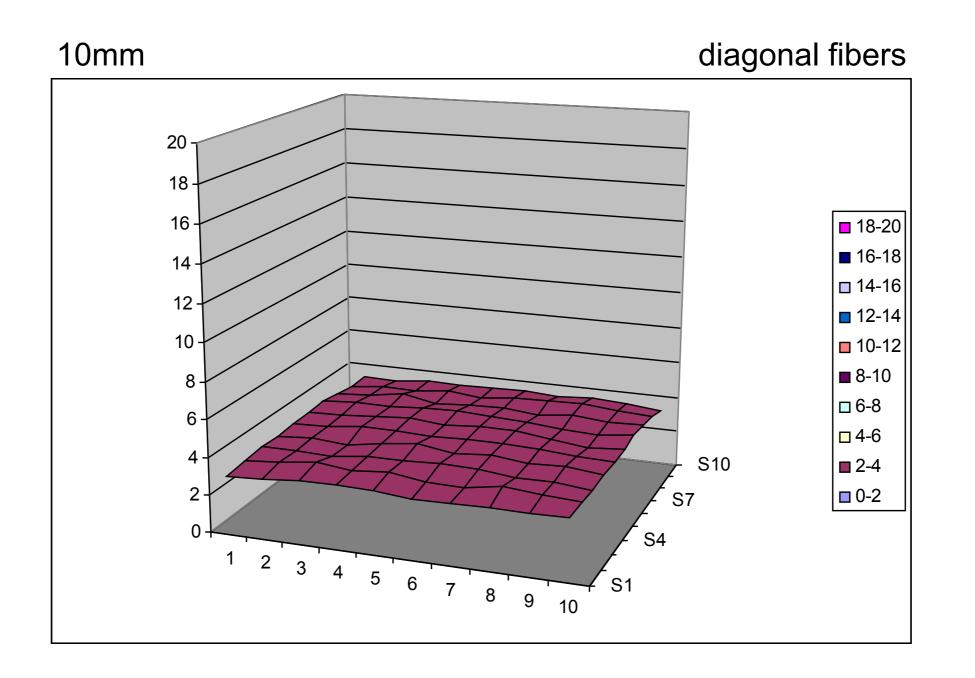


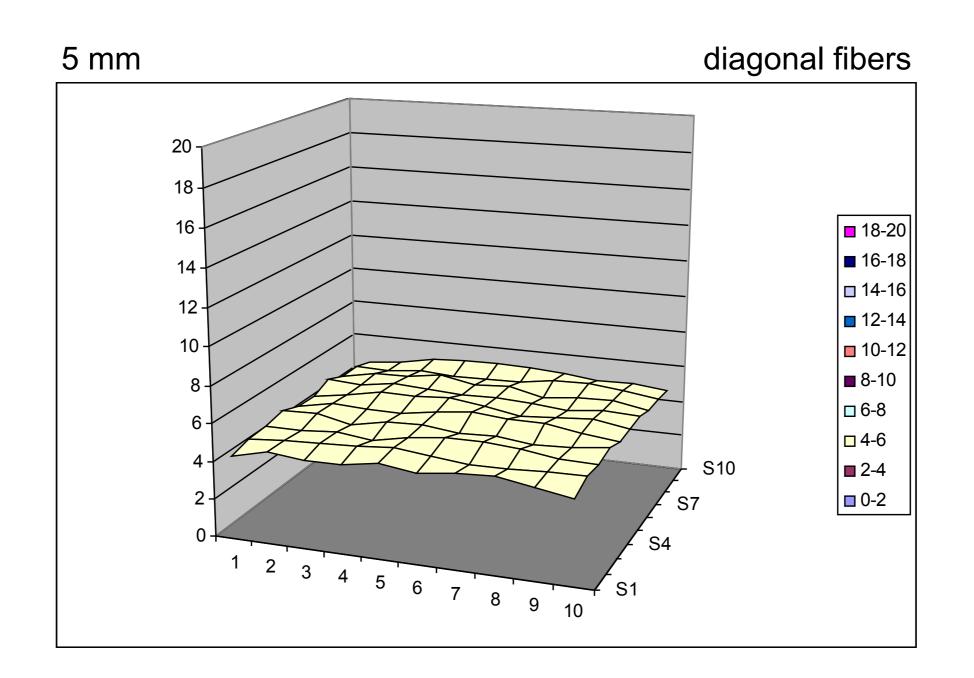


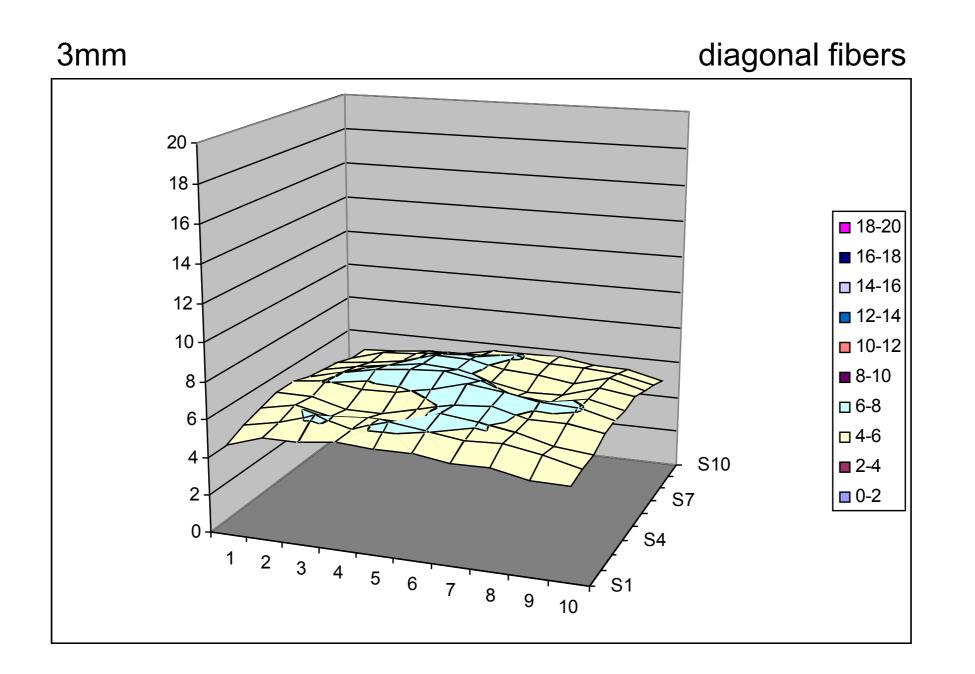


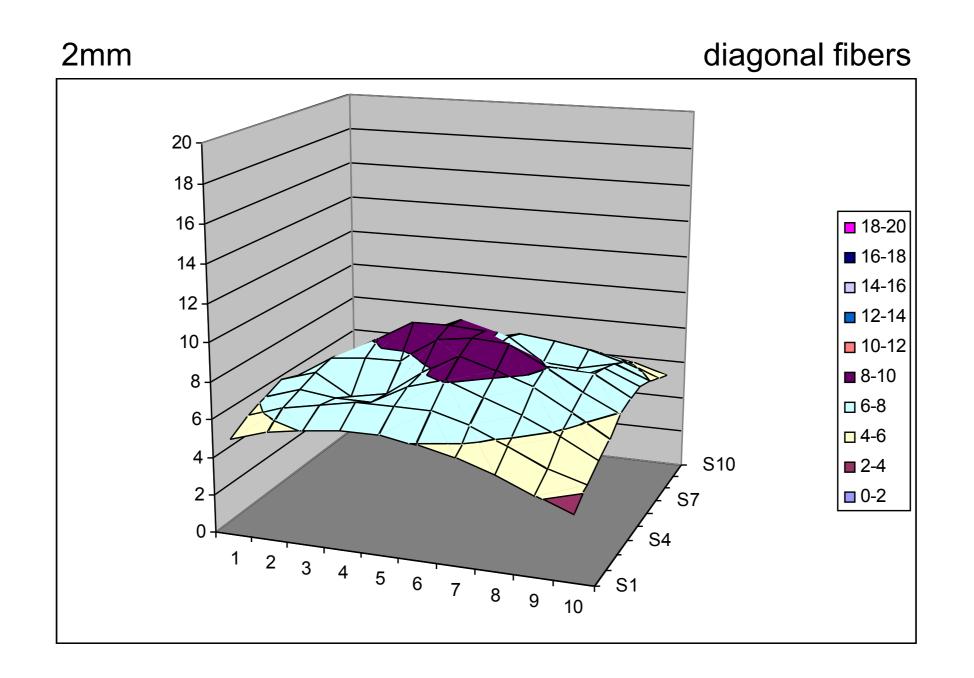


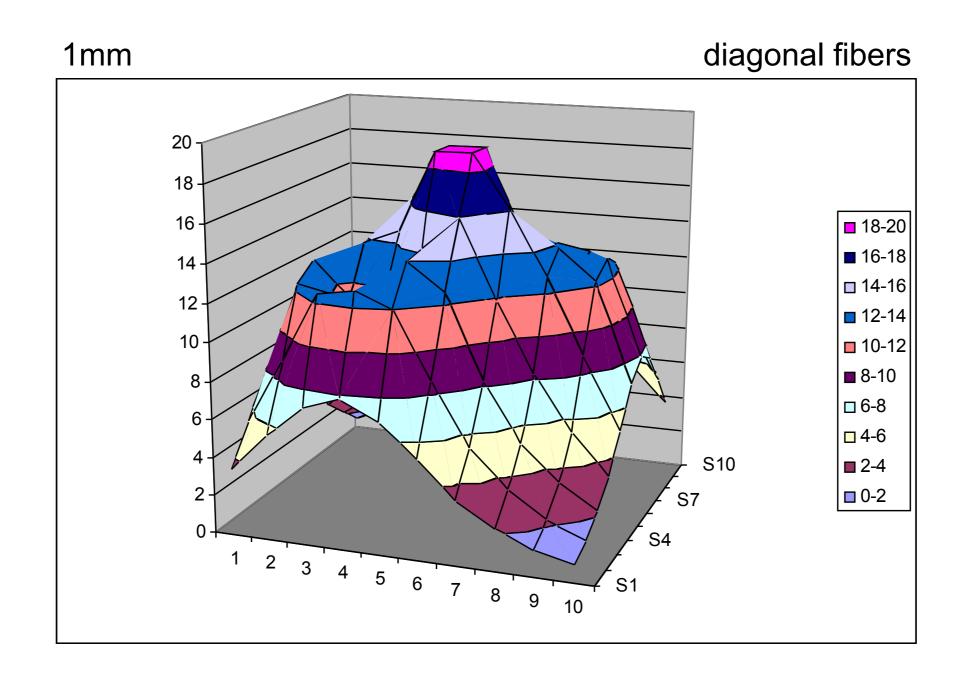






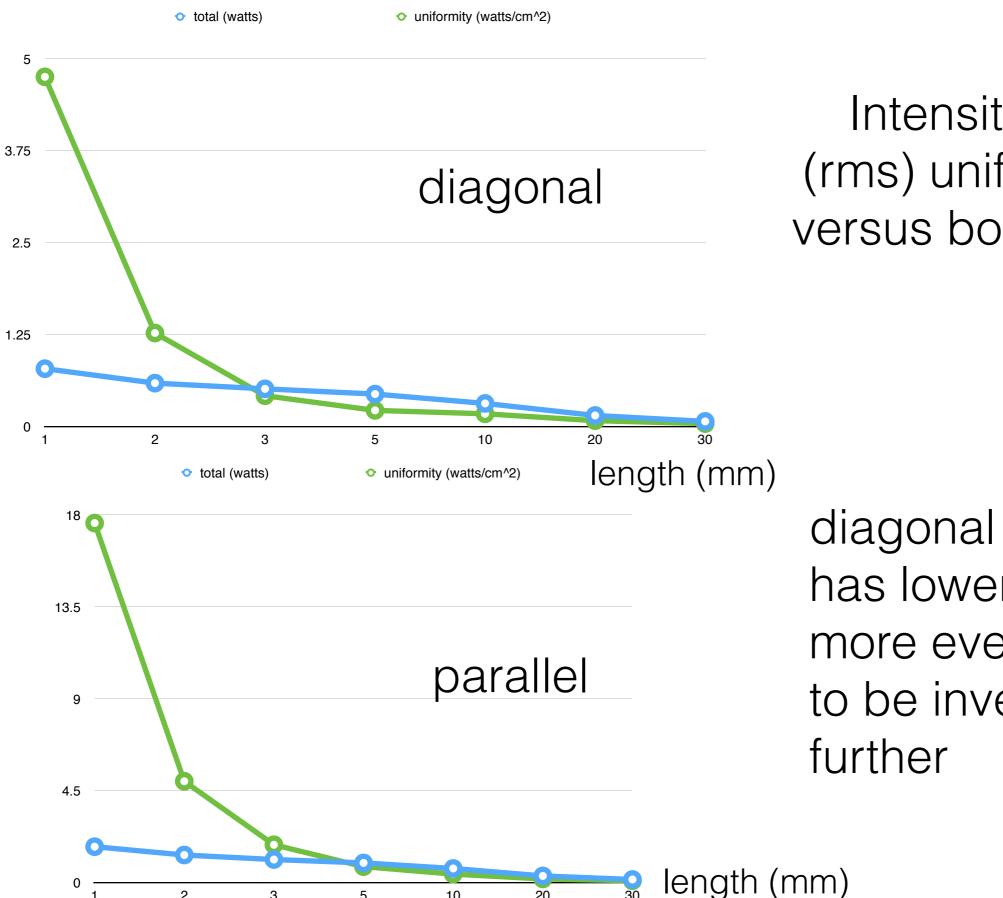






need to investigate the different patterns with the parallel versus diagonal fibers.

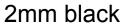
Could be the way the light is emitted inside the fiber currently 600 rays vertically with 60° full angle and 600 rays horizontally with 60° angle

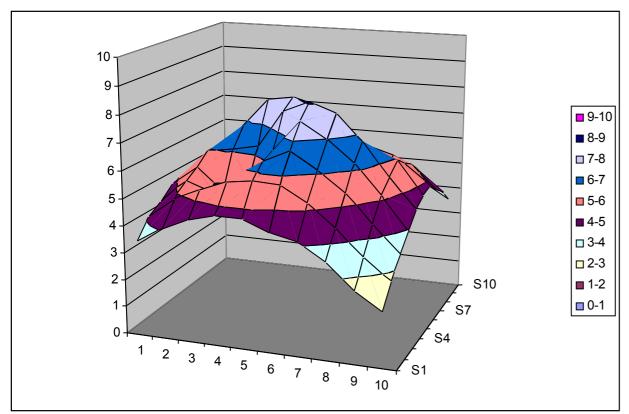


Intensity (blue) and (rms) uniformity (green) versus box length

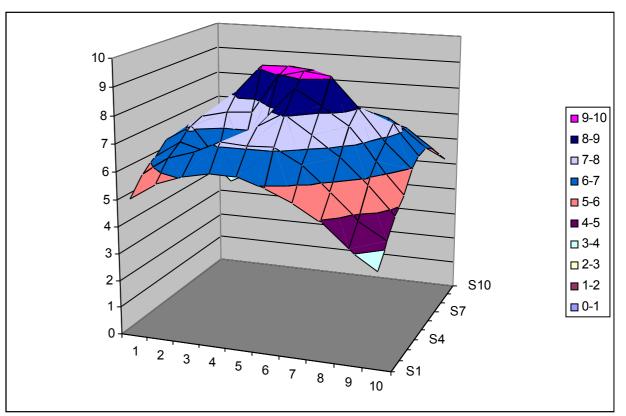
diagonal arrangement has lower intensity but more even distribution, to be investigated further

reflective versus black walls





2mm reflect.



light yield higher and distribution more flattened for reflective walls

Summary

once we have a more detailed design, these simulations can help decide further details like length and shape.

more studies necessary, e.g. light ray distribution from the source

can't get square fibers to work, need to investigate

Extras

